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A shiny new *IE Focus* is in the works

IE Focus is under renovation. Infrastructure and Environment is growing and, as of April 1, 2016, we will be a much larger and geographically diverse group. The IE Communications Team wants to be sure that *IE Focus* reflects our new, expanded readership. To that end, we're redesigning the layout and revamping content.

We're also committing to regular quarterly publication. So, next April, you can look forward to a newsletter reborn. The look will be fresher, but we don't want to limit our rebirth to the superficial — we also want our content to be fresh and engaging and reflective of all our readers. To that end, we'd love to hear from you. If

you have a story that you want to share with your IE colleagues across Canada, the new *IE Focus* wants to help with that. Send us an email ([+Communication.ADM\(IE\)-SMA\(IE\)@ADM\(IE\)@Ottawa-Hull](mailto:+Communication.ADM(IE)-SMA(IE)@ADM(IE)@Ottawa-Hull)) and let us know what's going on in your neck of the woods.

IE intranet gets all spruced up

As part of the Defence Team intranet renewal project, Infrastructure and Environment's intranet has a brand new look. It's not just another pretty face though; we've reorganized the content so there is a place for everything and everything is in its place. Some of the key sections you'll find useful are

- Real property requirements
- Engineering services
- Real property operations
- Governance, policy and strategy
- Military housing
- Environment
- Fire protection
- Nuclear safety

If you've got thoughts about how we can make this great thing even better, let us know by emailing us at [+Communication.ADM\(IE\)-SMA\(IE\)@ADM\(IE\)@Ottawa-Hull](mailto:+Communication.ADM(IE)-SMA(IE)@ADM(IE)@Ottawa-Hull). For further details [click here](#).

New leadership within Canadian Forces Real Property Operations Group/Director General Fire and Nuclear Safety (CF RP Ops Gr/ DGFNS)

On July 20, many attended the change of Formation Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) as well as the change of command.



CWO Rémi Nault (left) replaced CWO Gilles Caouette (right) as Formation CWO during a ceremony presided over by Col Darlene Quinn (centre).



Moments later, Col Kevin Horgan (left) replaced Col Quinn as CF RP Ops Gr/ DGFNS Commanding Officer, during a ceremony presided over by MGen Karl McQuillan, Chief of Staff Infrastructure and Environment (centre).

Sharing expertise benefits us all



In addition to his duties as a Civil Engineering Technologist with Architecture and Engineering Services (DAES) under the Director General Infrastructure and Environment Engineering Services (DGIEES) in Ottawa, Eric Ferris is also a Vice-chair for the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Committee on the creation of a new standard for collapsible fabric storage tanks also known as “bladders.”

Bladder tanks are very flexible and can easily be packed and transported anywhere around the world. They can be installed, filled and placed into service to support CAF missions and operations within one to two hours. Their shipping weight is very small when compared to steel tanks of the same capacity, allowing more bladder tanks to be shipped in the same amount of space. They are also much lower profile than steel tanks, making them much easier to protect when deployed in a hostile environment.

With over 18 years of experience, Mr. Ferris is able to share his valuable knowledge and experiences to improve the usage and maintenance of bladder tanks and ensure that DND and CAF concerns are communicated to the CSA.



Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services renewal

Canada's Defence Team is housed at 38 Bases and Wings across the country, which are serviced by over 30 dispatch centres. Canada's Defence Team relies on these centres to provide critical police, fire and medical. A more effective and efficient Emergency Communications and Dispatch Service (ECDS) reflects the spirit and intent of Defence Renewal and so, this goal became a Defence Renewal initiative in 2014.

Early analysis concluded that improvements to the emergency dispatch services within the CAF would lead to increased efficiency and a more modern and robust response system. To that end, KPMG has been contracted to develop a business case and implementation plan for a regionally centralized emergency dispatch service.

Regionalizing and centralizing emergency dispatch services will allow military police, fire and ambulance services to better position themselves to adapt to future industry standards while ensuring calls for emergency services are answered professionally, effectively and efficiently.

Modernization will focus on three key areas

- Integration of common services
- Amalgamation of communications
- Amalgamation of dispatch services

This update will improve situational awareness and support emergency services by providing dispatch centres with state of the art technology.

In the coming months military police personnel and representatives from KPMG will conduct site visits to better understand the unique challenges facing ECDS and to assist in the development of the new system. Although the overall intent is to adopt a regional approach to emergency communication and dispatch, it is too early to determine how many dispatch centres will be required, where they will be located and how many military and civilian staff they will employ. Decisions will be made once the detailed analysis is complete. This initiative is not focused on reducing the work force. The goal is to modernize the current emergency dispatch system and ensure that our equipment and resources are technologically sound and working in the most effective and efficient way for the safety and security of members of the CAF/DND.

Tracy Braun Memorial Award



To honour the memory of Tracy Braun, the Canadian Forces Real Property Operations Group (CF RP Ops Gp), with support from the Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) have created the Tracy Braun Memorial Award.

The award consists of a large plaque upon which the names of all recipients will be

engraved. The plaque will be displayed at CF RP Ops Gp HQ, and each recipient will receive a smaller plaque.

History

Tracy was best known for her exceptional real property support to the operational missions of the CAF. Most notable was her work disposing of facilities in Afghanistan and the Middle East as the CAF withdrew from Kandahar and the support bases for that mission. Her efforts, based on an equal measure of hard work and interpersonal skills, ensured both best value for the Crown, as well as a seamless handover process. In addition, she was instrumental in a project to find and preserve existing graves of Canadians and their dependents who had passed away in Europe, and install memori-

al cairns, including a number for babies and children buried overseas.

As part of the ADM(IE) transformation, Tracy was reassigned to the CF RP Ops Gp in the summer of 2013 to look after real property transactions for the National Capital Region and deployed locations. Always first to volunteer to help friends and coworkers, Tracy's outgoing personality and determination made her stand out among the group.

Criteria

Nominees must have demonstrated excellent work or performance at an unusually high level or over an extended period of time that has positively affected the ability of operational commanders to execute their missions.

Submission

Each year, a call letter will be sent at the beginning of April to Base and Wing Commanders across the country to request nominations. Nominations must be received NLT 15 May, and should be sent to the attention of the CF RP Ops Gp Formation CWO. The recipient(s) will be chosen by the CF RP Ops Gp Command Team.



This summer, Maj Craig Crawley (centre, right), from the Real Property Operations Detachment in Borden, Ont., was the first recipient of the award. Col Darlene Quinn (centre, left), former Commander of the CF Real Property Operations Group (CF RP Ops Gp) presents the award, accompanied by former CWO of the CF RP Ops Gp, Gilles Caouette (left), and MWO Garnet Knight (right), from Detachment Borden.